



President's Cancer Panel Update

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Outline

- President's Cancer Panel
- 2008-2009 Meeting Series
- 2009-2010 Meeting Series





The President's Cancer Panel



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Awaiting White House appointment of third Panel member

Executive Secretary: Abby Sandler, Ph.D.



Mission of the PCP

- The Panel shall monitor the development and execution of the activities of the National Cancer Program, and shall report directly to the President.
- Any delays or blockages in rapid execution of the Program shall immediately be brought to the attention of the President.



2008-2009 Meeting Series

Environmental Factors in Cancer

- Sept. 16, 2008 East Brunswick, NJ
 - *Industrial and Manufacturing Exposures*
- Oct. 21, 2008 Indianapolis, IN
 - *Agricultural Exposures*





2008-2009 Meeting Series

- Dec. 4, 2008 Charleston, SC
 - *Indoor/Outdoor Air Pollution and Water Contamination*
- Jan. 27, 2009 Phoenix, AZ
 - *Nuclear Fallout, Electromagnetic Fields, and Radiation Exposure*





Possible Outcomes

- Increase public awareness of environmental and occupational hazards
- Develop recommendations for:
 - regulating toxic and other potentially hazardous chemicals and materials
 - reducing exposure to pollutants



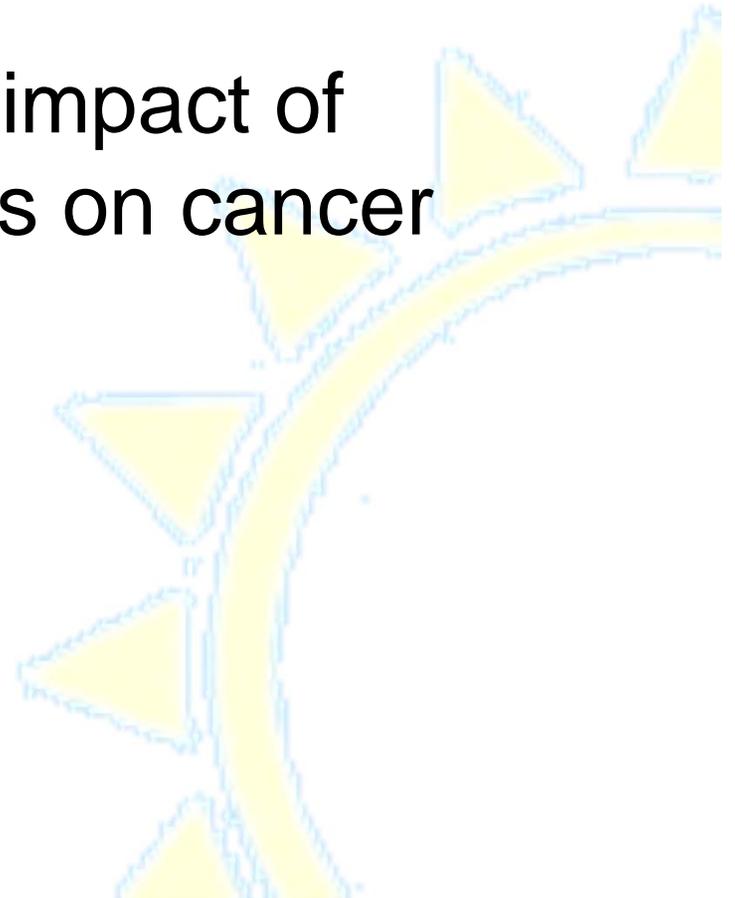
Possible Outcomes cont.

- Determine the status and role of regulatory agencies responsible for monitoring environmental hazards.
- Identify research needs and potential new areas of collaboration between Federal agencies



Single Most Important Finding

- We do not know the impact of environmental factors on cancer incidence.





Environmental Factors in Cancer Report Dissemination

- Spring-Summer 2009:
 - review the body of evidence presented at the 4 meetings
 - Construct recommendations
 - Write report
- Fall 2009: PDF report released with recommendations
- Winter 2009: Print copies available



2009-2010 Meeting Series

America's Demographic and Cultural Transformation: Implications for the Cancer Enterprise





Questions to be Addressed

- What are the implications for U.S. cancer trends as the proportions of ethnic sub-populations increase in the coming decades?
- Are there biologically based differences between ethnic groups in clinical presentation or response to cancer treatment that justifies differences in the type and intensity of care provided?
- Does the clinical encounter differ across ethnic groups?
- To what extent do patients and providers contribute to health disparities?



Possible Outcomes

- Potential need to revise screening guidelines to reflect the medical realities of cancer in particular ethnic groups
- Address cultural competency among health care providers



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